Plat Tracker Security and Download PDF

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About Plat Tracker

Plat Tracker is a secure site. What does that mean? The ability to recognize a secure web connection is extremely important as online fraud cases have increased substantially from year to year. When a site takes you to a web page that asks you for sensitive information and you need to be able to feel comfortable with the information that crosses the web. Starting from typing in a password, submitting an application or paying with your credit card number; all the information will be encrypted during transmission. **Secure Sockets Layer** (SSL) was created for this very purpose.

What is SSL?

SSL uses a complex system of key exchanges between **your browser** and **the server** you are communicating with in order to encrypt the data before transmitting it across the web. A web page with an active SSL session is what we mean when we say a web page is "**secure**". To identify a secure site, see indication in red (URL address and "InPrivate Filtering" on the Status Bar).
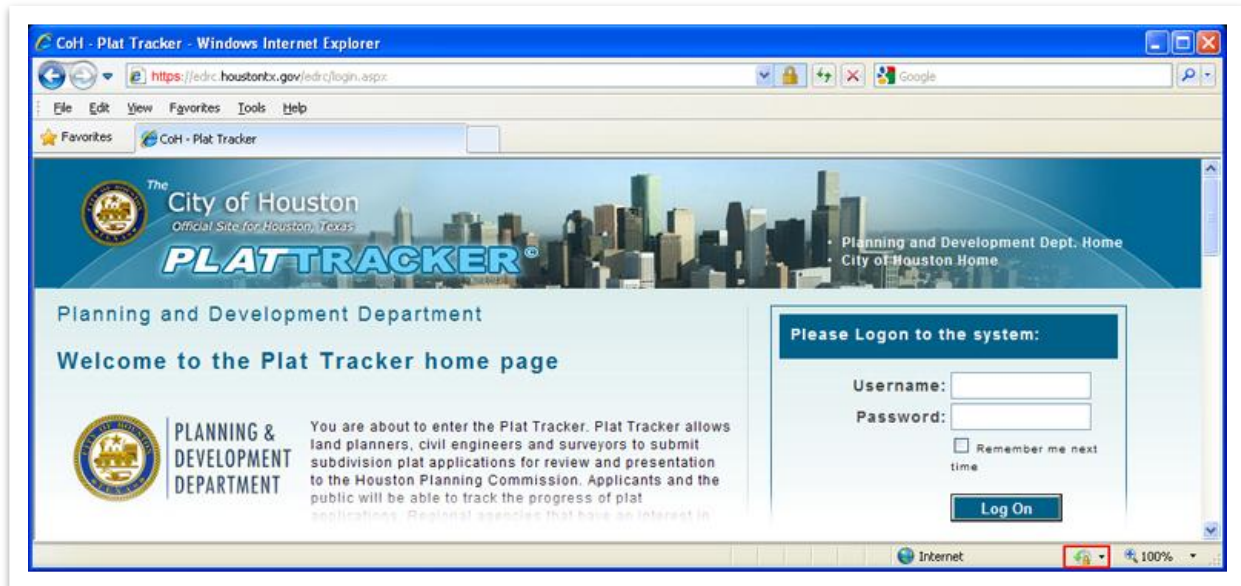
ALL WEB PAGES ASKING YOU FOR SENSITIVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE SECURED USING SSL!!!

Since there are many components during the submittal of the plat applications, IE won't remember your choice and the warning message will appear every time you visit that page or web site. It basically means that the secure (https) web page that you are trying to open contains images or other elements but in this case the Registry Template AutoCAD drawings that are hosted on a non-https location. They call it mixed content.

How to Disable Mixed Content in Internet Explorer

Steps to resolve issue, see the section '**Disable Mixed Content in Internet Explorer**' – **Page 6**.

Verify Plat Location

This step offers applicants a way to verify the geographic correctness of their CAD drawing outside of the plat application process. The review process is performed visually in which you will verify the polygon boundary of your CAD registry file. Correcting any errors prior to submitting your application will reduce delays in the review process.

Select the menu option '**Plat Submittal/Verify Plat Location**' which opens the '**Verify Plat Location**' webpage.

Plat Verification Process

Use the interface shown below to upload your Registry Template CAD drawing into Plat Tracker. Note that your CAD drawing must adhere to the Plat Tracker registry layering requirements. For your convenience, links to both the requirements and an example Registry CAD template are provided on the Plat Tracker home page under '**Plat Tracker Public Links**'. In Section "**A**" below, browse to your file using the '**Browse**' button. Then select the county for your plat and the scale factor of the CAD drawing (allowable values are 0.9 to 1.1). Finally, click the '**Upload and View Plat Map**' button.
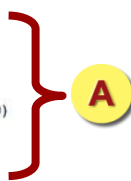
Upload Registry plat AutoCAD file ('**Browse**' button), '**Select a County**', and enter the drawing's combined scale factor (limited to a scale factor of 0.9 to 1.1; Ex: 0.99993971752).

IMPORTANT: To view a plat map, you MUST enable Pop-Ups in your browser.
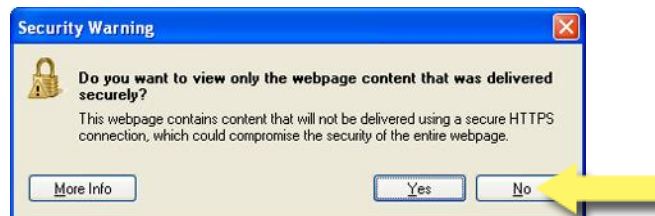
Also, you will see this Security Warning in IE, click 'No' when asked about delivering non-https content.

To learn more about '**Plat Submittal/Verify Plat Location**' see the **Plat Tracker Applicant User Guide** document. Below explains how you can avoid the process and not seeing this message again.

Disable Mixed Content in Internet Explorer

Here are the steps to get rid of the Security Warning dialog box while using Internet Explorer 8 by changing the setting. This will remove all security warnings while using the browser in the future.

However, you can reverse by going back and select the "Prompt" radio button later on.
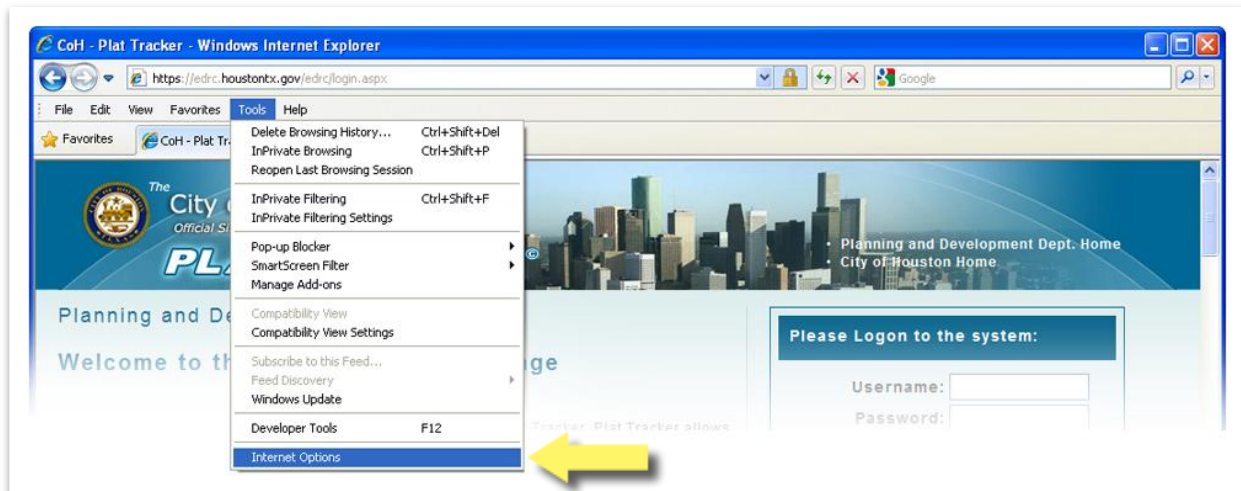
A Go to the Internet Explorer browser menu bar; select the '**Tools**' tab and then the '**Internet Options**'.

Internet Explorer > Tools > Internet Options > See "**A**".

B Next select the '**Security**' tab in the Internet Option box.

C Make sure the '**Internet**' zone is selected and then click the '**Custom Level**' button.

D Scroll-down the list of options and under the Miscellaneous group, '**Display mixed content**' select the radio button to set from "Prompt" to "**Enable**".

Click **OK** when done. To reverse the step in the future, remember to select the "Prompt" radio button.

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Scroll-down the list of options and under the Miscellaneous group, check '**Display mixed content**' to "**Enable**".
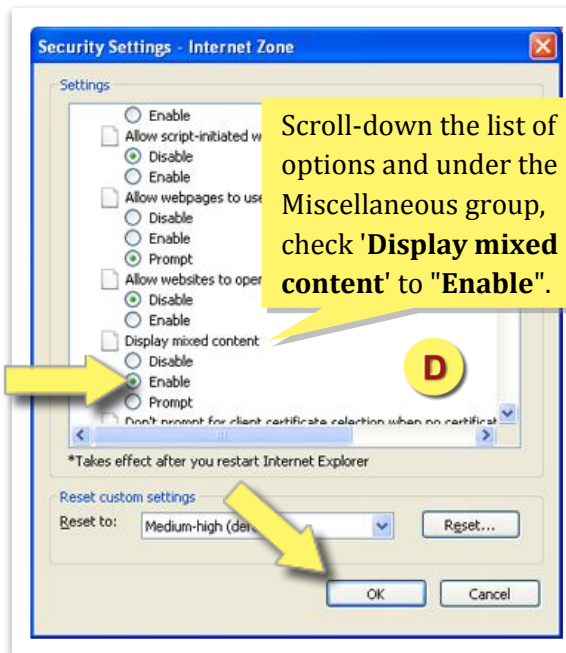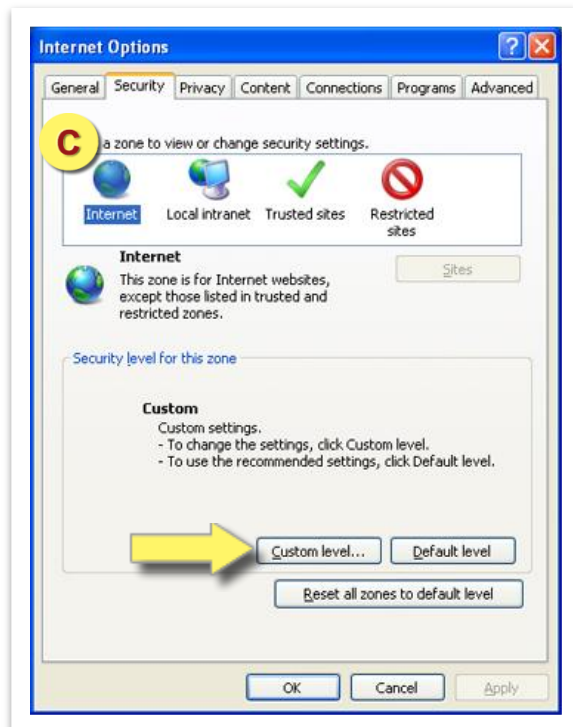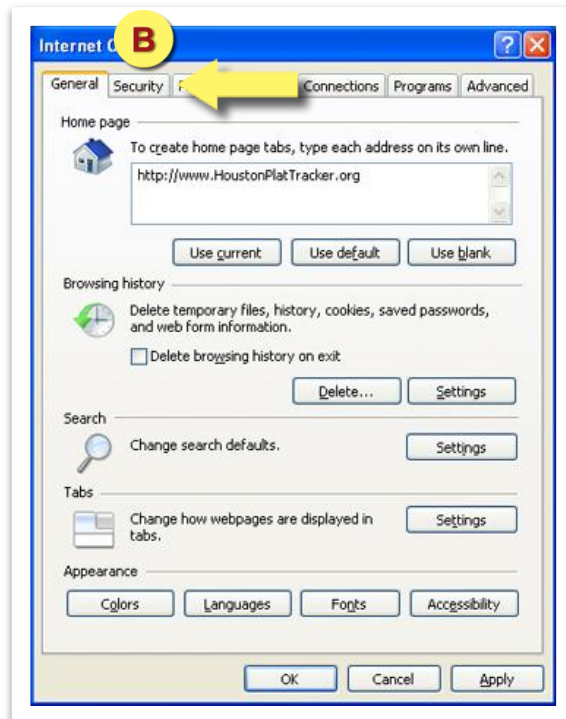
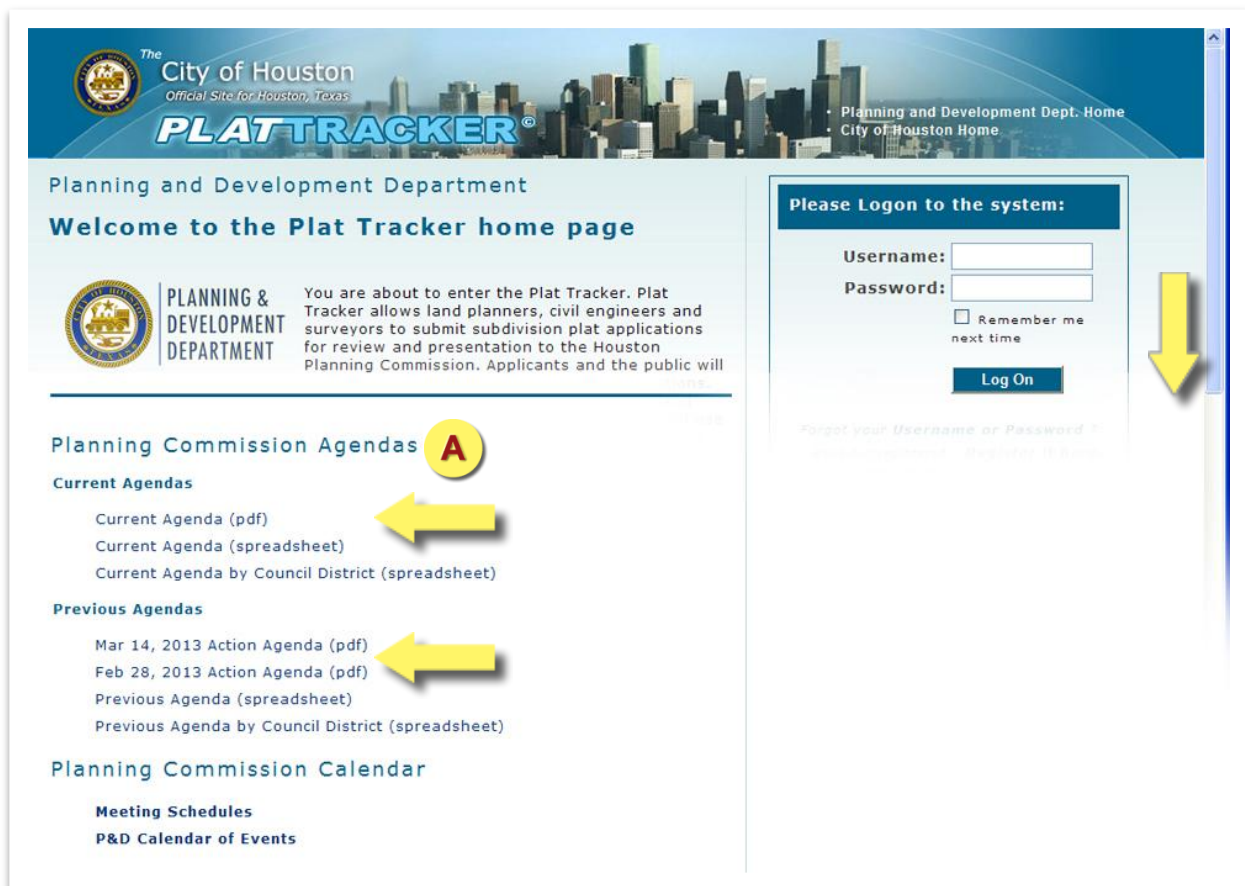# Unable To Access or Download Current / Previous Agendas

One of the many benefits of the Plat Tracker is that applicants, area agencies and the public will have access to the most '**Current Agendas**' and '**Previous Agendas**' during the Review Cycle. Immediately accessing the Plat Tracker portal page at **http://www.HoustonPlatTracker.org** , scroll to the bottom of the section, **Planning Commission Agendas** (see "**A**").

'**Current Agenda's PDF**' and '**Previous Agenda's Action Agendas**' are in PDF formats.

To view agendas, just click on the "link" and the document will be opened in '**Adobe PDF Reader**'. If you wish to save a copy, go to **File** > '**Save As ...**'. Choose a location to "**Save**" the document on your computer.

However, if your browser's pop-up blocker is preventing you from opening the agendas, please perform the following steps to fix the problem (see below) ...
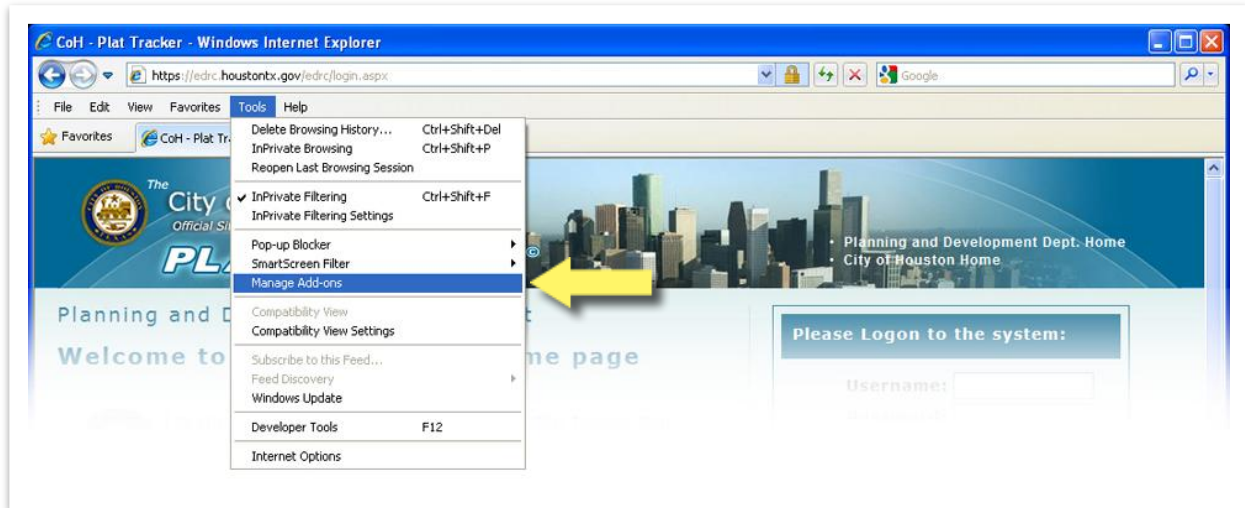
A Go to the Internet Explorer browser menu bar; select the '**Tools**' tab and then the '**Manage Add-ons**'.

Internet Explorer > Tools > Manage Add-ons > See "**A**".

B Under the dialog-box (bottom left) section, **Show**: Select '**All add-ons**'.

Select, '**All add-ons**,' if it has not selected. A message will appear to be '*Looking for Toolbars and Extensions ...*' (wait)

C Now, scrolls down the full list of add-ons (right), under **Adobe Systems, Inc**., check that '**Adobe PDF Reader**' is "**Enable**". (It should display as indicated shown in "**C**" below).

D * If the '**Adobe PDF Reader**' is "**Disabled**", select it and it would be highlighted gray. And, (the "Enable/Disable" toggle button is at the bottom right) should say "**Enable**". Click "**Enable**" and click "**Close**".

** Note: Perform "D" only if the button says "**Enable**".*

Scroll-down the list of options and under Adobe Systems, Inc., check that **'Adobe PDF Reader'** is **"Enable"**.